

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

Fifteenth Day's Proceedings

A SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY NEXT

New York, Oct. 23, 1868. The fifteenth day's proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal National Convention...

The record of yesterday's proceedings were read by the Secretary and adopted by the Convention.

It was moved and agreed to that the coming sessions of the House commence at half-past nine o'clock, and continue without recess until four P. M.

The Rev. Dr. Haight, from the Committee on Canon, reported adversely to the resolution of the Bishops abolishing the provision of the Constitution...

The same committee reported a similar resolution against the resolutions of the Bishops allowing them to transact certain business by correspondence...

The Register of the Convention asked instructions as to the performance of his duties under the late resolutions of the Convention...

The Rev. Dr. Haight as custodian and the choice of a joint commission, with power of control over the archives.

The Standing Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions reported a change in the constitution of the Board of Missions...

The special joint committee on the publication of the early journals reported as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this House be authorized to effect the purchase of the stereotype plates of the reprinted journals of the General Convention...

The committee consists of Bishops Potter, Williams and Odenheimer, Rev. Drs. Hays and Howe and William Cooper Messie, Messrs. S. B. Ruggles, James Ford and H. D. Hays.

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A lengthy discussion ensued on this proposal, during which the Rev. Dr. Hays, of Pennsylvania, moved that the special order of the day be rescinded...

The Rev. Dr. Haight then moved to take up the report of the Committee on Canons on Federative Councils...

The action of the committee was based on the following Memorial from the Diocese of New York:

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active and spirited debate upon this subject at the last Convention, and be objected to the proposed canon as too indefinite and uncertain.

Mr. S. B. Ruggles, of New York, stated that he was unconditionally in favor of the Canon proposed, and he thought the question before the Convention was conservative in its nature, and maintains the sovereign power of the General Convention.

Judge McCarty, of South Carolina, believed that it was an important question before the Convention, and that the Convention authority under the Constitution to adopt such a canon.

Rev. Dr. Hays, of Pennsylvania, thought that the proposed Canon did not lower the dignity or independence of any Diocese, nor concede legislative power to the Federative Council without first admitting the extent of these powers to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. Mahan, of Maryland, hoped that a more thorough consideration should be given to such an important matter. It came up unexpectedly and accidentally, and should be well investigated.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Convention took a recess.

On the resuming of the Convention a number of resolutions were offered and acted upon, relating to minor matters connected with the Convention, and the Rev. Wm. Stevens Perry, of Conn., Secretary of the Convention, was confirmed by the Convention as Historiographer of the Church, in place of Rev. Dr. Hawks, deceased.

The following resolution was then read by the Rev. Charles Brock, of Delaware:

Resolved, That the members of this House learn with regret that the death of the Hon. John W. Caldwell, of the Documentary Committee of the American Colonial Church is nearly sufficient to warrant the publication of the whole series.

The Rev. Dr. Hays, of Pennsylvania, said that the Rev. William Stevens Perry, of Connecticut, for the lively interest taken by him in this important work, and that he was deeply affected by the sad news imposed upon himself in laboring to accomplish the same.

Agreed to. The special order of the day, the consideration of the report on Federative Councils, was then resumed.

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Mason took the floor and spoke of the dissimilarity of the church constitution and the position of the country. He said that the first was a dissemination into parts of a unit, the other was the formation of a unit from several integral and independent parts. It then gave the origin of church government.

Mr. Tazewell Taylor, of Virginia, said it is proposed to establish an intermediate body between the diocese and the general convention, which ought to be in the Constitution and not in the Canons.

Rev. Dr. Hays, of Pennsylvania, said that there is nothing in the Canons and Constitution prohibiting the Union of the Dioceses of New York for combined action, but these Dioceses will not act on a basis of a Federative Council, which is proposed to troubles and difficulties without precedent.

One Bishop was struck down by judicial sentence, and the other was struck down by the sword of the Canon proposed, and regretted that the true nature of the question had not been touched as yet.

Mr. William H. Battle, of North Carolina, spoke at length of the Constitution of the Southern Diocese. He thought that the more populous States in the North, which will be sub-divided into several dioceses, will be better governed than the Southern States will be continually out voted, and the North carry everything their own way.

Rev. Dr. M. De W. Howe, of Philadelphia, moved that the fact cannot be denied that the combination and confederation of dioceses for the purpose of carrying measures could not be prevented.

Rev. Dr. Hays, of Pennsylvania, said that no diocese on the floor would yield more to New York than Kentucky, and if it was a mere question of assent to the exercise by dioceses in a state of acknowledged independence, why not do it by a resolution, instead of a canon.

Dr. Howe explained that it should be in the constitution of the Diocese a canon. As a resolution it would be of slight effect.

After some further debate, the report of the committee was adopted.

Dr. T. Hubbard, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Prayer Book, reported the following:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurring, that a joint committee be appointed, to consist on the part of the House, of three clergymen and three laymen, to prepare a report on the proposed alterations in the Prayer Book, and to report thereon at the next Convention, an accurate copy of the Creed of the undivided church in the original Greek, as set forth by the undersigned General Councils, together with the original text of the same, and that the committee have leave to print their report for the use of this Convention.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Provincial System then came up, but on motion, was laid on the table.

On the Convention, on motion, then proceeded to consider Canon XI (before reported).

The Rev. Dr. Crane, of Rhode Island, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That nothing herein shall be construed as to prohibit communicants of this church from acting as lay leaders.

After some further debate, the Canon, as amended, was agreed to.

The Convention then adjourned until Saturday morning.

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN

Prayer Throughout the World.

From the 3d to the 10th of January, 1869, a week of prayer is besought, under the authority of the Evangelical Alliance, over the whole world.

The following is the evangelical edict, with the signatures attached:

Beloved Brethren in Christ of Every Land! In prospect of the coming New Year, and mindful of the great blessings graciously vouchsafed by God, in answer to the united supplications of His people, the Evangelical Alliance cordially renews their invitation to Christians throughout the world to observe a week of prayer in January.

Very gratifying reports have been received of the observance of this annual week of prayer in different distant countries; still there is reason to know that in many towns and cities of our world, the great blessings graciously vouchsafed by God, in answer to the united supplications of His people, the Evangelical Alliance cordially renews their invitation to Christians throughout the world to observe a week of prayer in January.

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Christian parents, for a bio-sine on home industry for all seminaries of Christian learning - universities, colleges, and schools; for Sunday schools and private instruction; for our youth abroad; and for a blessing on Christian literature.

Thursday, Jan. 7. - The Church: for more knowledge of God's Word and increase of spiritual life; for sound and faithful preaching adapted to rich and poor; growing love to Christ; a more earnest love to Christians of varied name and of all nations; and for the sending forth of more laborers into the harvest.

Friday, Jan. 8. - Mission: for the conversion of the heathen and Mohammedans; for the growth of missionary zeal; for the removal of hindrances to the progress of the Gospel among all nations; for recent converts, and for all who are suffering persecution for the truth.

Saturday, Jan. 9. - General: for the conversion of Israel; for the extension of the Holy Scriptures to Christian and philanthropic societies, and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christians and Christian churches throughout the world.

Sunday, Jan. 10. - Subjects: Subject: the duty of the Christian Church in relation to the religious wants of the world.

Family Prayer. Father, do you pray with your family? Do you, every morning and evening, collect around you the precious gems of your household? Do you read to them the Word of Life, and "lifting up holy hands," do you offer up prayer and supplication to God? If you do not, fearful is the responsibility you assume.

It is lamentable fact that many professing Christians entirely neglect this solemn and imperative duty; they never mention the subject of religion to their children; never thank God for the many festal blessings they enjoy; never ask for guidance and direction from on high to aid them in the fulfilment of the great and important responsibilities involved in the parental relation.

How can you pass along through life, professing the religion of Jesus Christ, and never thank the Author of your existence for the many blessings and privileges and enjoyments bestowed upon you as a parent by His bountiful hand? How can you assume responsibilities which run on through eternity in their consequences - responsibilities that involve the dearest and most sacred interests of the souls of your children - and never ask for the grace of God to rest upon them, and for strength and wisdom to guide you in the discharge of your duties?

Very few are aware of the great influence exerted by family worship, by the prayers, earnest and heartfelt prayers, of father and mother. It associates with religion all the sweet memories of childhood and all the endearments of home. It gives to parental counsel and advice the sanction of religion, and restrains the wayward passions of the soul by the remembrance of a father's care and of a mother's tenderness. It teaches, by example, dependence and reliance upon God, and inspires the soul with longings for a blissful immortality.

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Adams for their opposing entertainment. His great popularity will doubtless draw a crowded house, and we have no doubt everybody will be delighted.

Presbyterian. We learn from the *Presbyterian* that, of 49 presbyteries in the Old School branch of the Union, 4 have unconditionally approved it, 9 have unconditionally disapproved it, 17 have approved it and then voted to amend by striking out the clauses which bear the sense in which the concessions are to be interpreted, and 16 have voted against it but expressed their approval if those objectionable clauses were removed.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian South is one of the presbyteries left at the formation of the United Presbyterian Church last year ago. At its meeting, last month, Rev. J. H. Prosser expressed the desire of the latter body to have its pulpits and overtures met with so little favor in the United Presbyterian Church, that it was unwilling to be a party to the union.

The Rev. Nicholas Chevalier died at his residence near Louisiana, Texas, on the 6th of September last. The death of Mr. Chevalier is well as his own family and friends. He was a graduate of Princeton College and Theological Seminary, and became the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Charlottesville, Virginia, where he ministered for several years, and was removed there about sixteen years, he removed to Texas, where he was appointed an evangelist for that State, in which he was laboring efficiently for that field of great promise, until it pleased God to remove him to his final abode.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Patuxent, held in Baltimore, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, commissioner from the Presbytery of Rappahannock, was heard on the subject of a proposed union between the two bodies, and after a full discussion, resolutions were adopted, cordially approving the overtures of the Presbytery of the Rappahannock, and requesting the Synod of Virginia, at their meeting in Hartford, to constitute a union between the two Presbyteries, if in their judgment such a union be deemed expedient.

On the 13th instant, at Orangeburg, South Carolina, the Presbytery of Charleston licensed Mr. Peter Gowen, as a candidate for the ministry. On the 9th instant, at Jacksonville, Florida, the Presbytery of Florida licensed Mr. P. L. Baker. Mr. Gowen and Mr. Baker are members of the senior class in the Columbia Seminary.

Nine new churches have been organized in the Synod of Minnesota during the last year, located at Leroy, Cleveland, Beaver Falls, Winnebago Agency, Kookka, Minneroka, and three in the State of Wisconsin. Several churches which are in process of erection, and many congregations are preparing to build soon.

The Rev. Charles S. Robertson, D. D., is greatly prospered in the American chapel in the city of London, England. He has been laid aside, and the service is such as is usual in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. The chapel is full, and great interest is taken in the advancement of religious work.

The Rev. Dr. H. A. Kuntz, of Philadelphia, the venerable Dr. Kinsbury was present, though exceedingly feeble. The licentiates, Mr. Thomas H. Benton, a Choctaw, and Mr. Joseph M. Perryman, a Creek, were ordained to the full work of the ministry. Dr. H. A. Kuntz, of Philadelphia, the venerable Dr. Kinsbury was present, though exceedingly feeble. The licentiates, Mr. Thomas H. Benton, a Choctaw, and Mr. Joseph M. Perryman, a Creek, were ordained to the full work of the ministry.

The Central Presbyterian says that the Rev. Dr. Rice, of Richmond, Virginia, will probably soon entirely regain his health. He was able to preach to his congregation on the 17th inst.

The Rev. Timothy Hill, of Kansas City, Missouri, has been appointed by the Home Missionary Committee District Secretary for Kansas and the western half of Missouri.

The twentieth triennial session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist denominations assembled in Baltimore recently, and formally organized for information of the Convention, attendance, and a large number of visitors. Mr. J. O'Donnell, of New York, was elected Moderator. Rev. E. Knowlton, of Maine, and Rev. Dr. H. E. Whipple, of Michigan, were elected Assistant Moderators. Several delegates were present from the bodies of Baptists, holding similar sentiments, desiring admission to the denomination.

The Baptist Home Missionary Society has received a report from the Rev. G. F. Day, of New York, that more than last year. This society is in the third year of its existence, and has sustained 331 missionaries, who have baptized during the year 6712 converts, and gathered 11,512 members. A large number of colored theological students have received instruction than are collected in all the Baptist seminaries of the Northern States.

The present number of Baptists in Kentucky is about 100,000; churches, 1000; average membership, 100; ordained ministers, 500; licentiates, 500. There are two endowed colleges, Georgetown and Bethel; two theological departments, and a large number of academies and high schools under their control. There are 60 churches in the State, and the accessions to the churches during the year were 1000.

Rev. S. B. Partridge and wife, missionaries of the Missionary Union to the Chinese in Siam, left Boston on the 8th instant, and embarked on the New York and Bremen, for Batavia, Java, and Apsinwal. The *Workman* states that "for reasons connected with the necessities of the mission they take the quickest route, going by the way of San Francisco and Hong Kong, and hoping to join Dr. Dean, at Bangkok, before the end of the year."

The Broad Street Baptist Church, Rev. E. L. Magoon, has been closed for repairs for several weeks, and will be reopened to-morrow. The outside of the building has been repainted, and the whole interior handsomely frescoed. A neat study for the pastor has been erected in the rear of the building. A new organ is also in the course of construction, and will soon be in place in the church.

The First Baptist Church of Doylestown, in this State, with 43 members, and the Third, Germantown, with 149 members, both organized during the past year, were admitted to the North Philadelphia Association at its late meeting. The Association is now composed of 23 churches, having a total membership of 4191.

The Rev. Dr. Brooks has accepted the Presidency of Kalamazoo College. He expects to enter upon his new work within a few weeks. The Crozer Theological Seminary (Chester, Pennsylvania) began its regular sessions lately with twelve students in attendance.

Rev. J. D. Stewart, of Dover, N. H., was elected permanent Secretary. Rev. G. F. Day, of New Hampshire, gave an interesting account of his visit, as corresponding messenger, to the General Baptist Convention of Great Britain.

Thirty converts have been baptized at Conococheague, and fifteen at Proctor, Florida. In different parts of the South there are special religious meetings held with the churches, resulting